projects in the form of equity, subordinate debt and Pass Through Assistance (PTA) (for the loan of Japan Bank of International Co-operation (JBIC).

For those metro projects executed in the Public Private Partnership model, 'grant' in the form of Viability Gap Funding upto 20% of the project cost is provided under the "scheme of financial support to Public Private Partnership (PPP) in infrastructure" by Ministry of Finance.

(c) Does not arise.

Corrupt practices in Bengalooru Water Project

1157. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has finalized its report/finding on allegations of corrupt practices in the matter of Rs. 3500 crore water project for Bengalooru;

(b) whether the allegations of illegality, irregularities, corrupt practices and violations of procedure and system have been found to be correct or not by his Ministry; and

(c) what is preventing his Ministry being the line Ministry for the Rs. 3500 crore projects in referring the matter to Central Vigilance Commission for detailed investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Bangalore Water Supply & Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has taken up the Cauvery Water Supply Scheme Stage IV-Phase-II Bangalore City at an estimated cost of Rs. 3383.70 crore with financial assistance of Rs. 2830.70 crore from Japan Bank for International Co-operation, Japan (JBIC). Ministry of Urban Development which is the nodal Ministry in respect of Water Supply & Sanitation sector acted as a facilitator to approve the project from technical angle.

The selection of consultancy firm for the aforesaid work is the subject matter pertains to the BWSSB (Borrower), which is a statutory body and responsible for finalization of tender process and short-listing of consultants. The Government of Karnataka also informed that the selection of consultants has been done in a transparent and fair manner and in full consultation with JBIC who are financing the project.

Complaint of alleged irregularities in short-listing of consultants, received in the Ministry of Urban Development, were forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, who are nodal Ministry in all matters concerning financial assistance from external agencies.

Training programme for sportspersons

1158. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether study of sport science has been made integral part of the training programme for sports persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Union Government has taken any initiative to educate the coaches in the discipline of sports science; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Sports Sciences are an integral part of the training of sportspersons. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) Centres at the National Institute of Sports (NIS), Patiala and Bangalore have well established sports science facilities in Sports Medicine, Sports Psychology, Anthropometry, Biomechanics, Exercise physiology and training methods which are managed by highly qualified and experienced teams of Sports Scientists. Besides, the latest fitness equipment and recovery methods facilities are also available at these centres. The scientific support to National Campers is an essential part of the system of preparation for international competitions.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Scientific support is being provided to National Coaches in the form of scientific analyses of sportspersons and the provision of scientific inputs in sports training, especially in the fields of Sports Medicine, Sports, Psychology, Sports Biomechanics, Sports Physiology and methods of sports training to enhance the performance of athletes. In the two-year Master of Sports Science degree of the Coaching Course research projects are compulsory along with theoretical knowledge.

Refusal to Tibetan players

1159. SHRI BALAVANT *Alias* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has refused the JNU stadium to the Tibetan players;

(b) whether this decision was taken at the very last moment;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all the players are born in India; and

(d) whether this refusal is related to Indo-China relations?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir. The Shastri Football Club, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-6 had informed the Ministry that the Tibetan National Football Team would play an exhibition match on 4.8.2007 at J. N. Stadium, New Delhi. As per established procedure, the Shastri Foodball Club, Delhi was requested to furnish the NOC/clearance from Ministry of External Affairs but they did not turn up with MEA's reply or the requisite NOC.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such information was furnished by the Shastri Football Club, Delhi with their proposal.

(d) No, Sir.